

A PERSONAL JOURNEY FOR LEADERS INTO GREATER FREEDOM, FRUITFULNESS, AND DISCIPLE-MAKING

Are you passionate about leading a church or ministry of fruitful disciples that makes a major impact for the Kingdom of God?

If so, you are invited to take part in TRANSFORM, a 9-month programme from Freedom In Christ Ministries to help you ground your leadership firmly in the Biblical principles of identity, freedom, and transformation. Our aim is to equip you to go even deeper into God at a personal level, confident that this will lead to greater influence and fruitfulness in your life and ministry.

Why TRANSFORM?

Freedom in Christ Ministries specialises in equipping Christian leaders worldwide to be all that God is calling them to be and releasing them to make the greatest possible Kingdom impact on earth.

In our experience, it is leaders who personally connect deeply with the core Biblical principles of identity, freedom, and transformation that withstand the schemes of the enemy and go on to make a real difference by becoming a leader who grows disciple-making disciples.

TRANSFORM will provide the necessary time and space in your schedule to engage at a deep level with life and leadership transforming truths. The programme offers access to FIC resources embedded within a collaborative learning environment and two opportunities to take hold of Jesus' freedom with the Steps To Freedom In Christ, and the Steps To Freedom For Leaders. You will then continue to be supported as you go on to renew your mind in key areas of Truth.

You'll experience TRANSFORM alongside other leaders from church and ministry contexts and can expect lasting and mutually beneficial friendships to form. During our time together, you will find an honest, "real" environment where you are not expected to perform but simply to be yourself.

Your church or ministry will be expected to support you as you go through TRANSFORM by releasing the time and resources you need. It will be well worth it for them. After all, they can only progress as far as you can lead them and TRANSFORM will expand your capacity to lead fruitfully.

YOU'RE INVITED

THE TRANSFORM INVITATION

This invitation is for leaders who want to kick-start and accelerate the process of personal and corporate discipleship that bears much fruit. It's an intentional, structured, supported programme that will strengthen what already exists and help make your ministry even more effective. TRANSFORM is not specifically designed for leaders who are in crisis. Nevertheless, if that's you, you are welcome to join us. You will have the opportunity to share one-to-one in a confidential and caring environment; whilst being reconnected with Jesus, who is the Truth, and find freedom to journey on into fruitfulness.

How will TRANSFORM be delivered?

You will engage with the programme through different means including:

A recommended schedule of self-study, undertaken in community, delivered both off-line and online through a dedicated web platform, video conferencing, assignments and discussions across three stages: REPOSITION, RETUNE, and REFOCUS.

Ensuring your foundations are securely in place through engaging with The Freedom In Christ Course and The Grace Course.

A core section of 11 weeks focused on becoming the leader that God has called you to be, by unpacking Freedom In Christ's Freed To Lead course and applying it to your specific leadership context.

Growing your leadership impact through understanding Biblical principles for leading corporate people-systems into greater health. Two retreats, one in October and one in April each focusing on deeper, personal transformation through His word, facilitated times of reflection and rest!

A "Give As You Get" track. It's often the case that we encounter truth in deeper ways as you seek to teach it to others. Therefore, in what will be a key part of the programme,

we will support you with everything you need to teach one of FICM's foundational courses to others within your sphere of influence. This could be to your leadership team, elders, small group leaders or one other person in a mentoring relationship.

Focusing on building a leadership legacy through influencing the next generation.

THE TRANSFORM COMMITMENT

For a church or ministry, it's quite a commitment in both time and money to send its leader on TRANSFORM, but it will be a wise investment that is likely to be repaid many times over in the coming years. Before you are accepted, we will want to make sure that enough time and space will be made available for you to engage with it on a weekly basis and to release you to go on 2 retreats within the year.

TRANSFORM PROGRAMME

PREPARATION | June - August

Meet the TRANSFORM Team 7-8pm, 17th June via Zoom with a chance to meet other participants and find out more about TRANSFORM.

On 19th August at 6.30pm there is the launch evening via Zoom, and we then start the programme on 2nd September. As a TRANSFORM participant you will receive a 35% discount code for any purchases from the Freedom In Christ UK Shop.

1. REPOSITION | September – January

Become the son or daughter God chose you to be. No matter how short or how long your journey with Christ has been, we all need to make sure our core beliefs align with the truth of our new position of highest privilege in Christ. Stage 1 of TRANSFORM ensures the foundation blocks of who you are in Christ, who we belong to and who is responsible for what, are securely in place.

Starting on 2nd September, we will go through first the Freedom In Christ Course, and then the Grace Course, connecting with other participants in Hub groups to explore and engage with the freedom message through an online platform overseen and facilitated by the FICM TRANSFORM team members.

November: Retreat 1 | TOOLS FOR TRUTH, TURNING AND TRANSFORMATION Week of 11th November 2-3 day Retreat (specific dates to be confirmed)

2. RETUNE | January – April

Become the leader God chose you to be. Leadership is tough. Learn to lead from your identity in Christ so that you are authentic, real, and the sort of person others love to follow. Stage 2 of TRANSFORM will empower you to practice effective identity-based leadership and equip you to avoid driven-ness and burnout, survive personal attacks and use conflict positively.

After an introduction on 27th January, for 10 weeks from 3rd February to 14th April we will undertake FREED TO LEAD. We will continue to meet online in our Hub groups, to unpack the topics covered in each session.

At the same time, there will be a 'GIVE AS YOU GET TRACK'. You can choose either The FIC Course, The Grace Course, Disciple or Freed To Lead and lead a small group through the course. You will also be trained and equipped to lead people through The Steps To Freedom In Christ in a corporate Steps Day or a Personal Freedom Appointment.

3. REFOCUS | April – May

Becoming a leader of growing influence. Now equipped with the tools for personal freedom, Stage 3 starts on 28th April. We shift the focus from the individual to the corporate, focusing on your specific leadership context and helping you to develop strategies to extend your impact within new spheres of influence. We then bring TRANSFORM to a conclusion we will join with our second Retreat, where you will develop a personal Transformation Action Plan.

May: Retreat 2 | CORPORATE TRANSFORMATION RETREAT Commencing week 5th May (specific dates to be confirmed)

19th May: Celebration of completion of TRANSFORM



Eugene Peterson speaks memorably of "learning the unforced rhythms of grace" and that's exactly what Transform has enabled me to do. As church leaders, we often are giving, but do not have time to receive. Studying the Freedom material personally each week and connecting deeply with others in our hub meetings was like a wonderful oasis.

As you journey through the material, those light bulb moments of truth that you have known over a lifetime but which come to you like fresh revelations. I have emerged much more at peace in myself and re-energised. It has taken me a number of years to sign up to the course, but I'm so glad that I did. God's timing is perfect!

Very Rev Dr Charles McMullen Minister, West Presbyterian Church, Bangor, Co Down.

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COST OF TRANSFORM

The cost of the 2024/25 TRANSFORM Programme is £349, not including any retreat costs (in 2023/24 these were £395). Discounts are available for low-waged, spouses and Leadership Teams, please enquire for more details. It's free to apply, with payment for successful applicants due by 31st August 2024.

Full details at ficm.org.uk/transform



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